

Activity:	America's Heritage & Preservation Partnership Program
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Activity Summary

Subactivity	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007			Change From 2006 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures	29,583	24,632	0	-9,832	14,800	-9,832
Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America*	0	4,926	0	+5,074	10,000	+5,074
Heritage Partnership Programs	[14,579]	[13,301]	+13,303	-5,903	7,400	+7,400
Total Requirements	29,583	29,558	13,303	-10,661	32,200	+2,642
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	3	3	12	-5	10	7

*The FY 2006 amount for Preserve America was appropriated within Save America Treasures activity

**Summary of FY 2007 Programmatic Changes for
America's Heritage & Preservation Partnership Program**

Request Component	Amount	FTE	Page #
Programmatic Changes			
• Reduce Support for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures	-9,832	0	HPF-17
• Increase Support for Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America	+5,074	0	HPF-20
• Reduce Support for Heritage Partnership Programs	-5,903	-5	HPF-24
TOTAL, Program Changes	-10,661	-5	
• Fixed Costs and Related Changes	+13,303	+12	HPF-5
NET CHANGE	+2,642	7	

Mission Overview

The America's Heritage and Preservation Partnership Program supports the National Park Service goal to provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. This goal contributes to the Departmental goal to protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources.

Activity Overview

The NPS is proposing in FY 2007 to create, as part of the President's Preserve America initiative, the America's Heritage and Preservation Partnership Program activity, which will encompass the Heritage Preservation Fund previous activities of Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures and Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America and the previous National Recreation and Preservation activity Heritage Partnership Programs. The combination of these programs will allow local communities to determine which strategies best suit their heritage needs; apply to the most appropriate programs to conserve heritage resources and promote heritage tourism; and better and more efficiently coordinate cultural resource preservation.

Activity: America's Heritage & Preservation Partnership Program
Subactivity: Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

Subactivity Summary

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			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
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Total Requirements	29,583	24,632	0	-9,832	14,800	-9,832

Mission Overview

The Save America's Treasures program supports the National Park Service goal to provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. This goal contributes to the Departmental goal to protect the Nation's natural, cultural, and heritage resources.

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The FY 2007 budget request for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures is \$14.80 million and 0 FTE, a program change of -\$9.832 million from the FY 2006 level.

Reduce Support for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures: -\$9.832 million

The NPS proposes a decrease for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures of \$9.832 million in order to support higher priority programs. This budget adjustment, along with the decrease in Heritage Partnership Programs and increase in Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America, results in an overall increase of \$2.642 million for the America's Heritage & Preservation Partnership Program. Matching grants for the Save America's Treasures program are used to address the ongoing need to protect and preserve our Nation's patrimony for future generations. The reduced level of funding in FY 2007 would provide grants for approximately 75 projects (about 76 fewer projects than in FY 2006).

Program Performance Change Table

Total Performance Change		-76 grants issued			
	A	B	C	D= B+C	E
Overall Performance Changes from 2006 to 2007					
Measure	2006 Enacted Performance	2007 Base Performance Level	2007 Impact of Program Change on Performance	2007 Budget Request Performance	Out-year Impact of 2007 Program Change on Performance
Grants issued	151	151	-76	75	-76
Column B: The performance level you expect to achieve absent the program change (i.e., at the 2006 enacted level plus/minus funded fixed cost/related changes); this would reflect, for example, the impact of prior year funding changes, management efficiencies, absorption of fixed costs, and trend impacts. Column E: The out-year impact is the change in performance level expected in 2008 and Beyond of ONLY the requested program budget change; it does <u>not</u> include the impact of receiving these funds again in a subsequent outyear.					

Program Overview

The Save America's Treasures program provides grants to preserve nationally significant heritage resources. By preserving important assets such as buildings, films, books, and records, the program enables the long-term conservation of America's cultural heritage.

Save America's Treasures (SAT) funding is used to support projects to preserve irreplaceable monuments of American heritage for future generations, and to make them more accessible to scholars and the public through exhibits, traditional publications, and Internet websites. Projects include the preservation of historic buildings, districts, archeological sites, papers, books, records, films, art, sculpture, statues, and any other intellectual expression representing the significant achievement of American culture. These projects may feature conservation of individual historical and museum objects; collections of American paintings or photographs; the writings of a famous American author, playwright, or songwriter; and individual historic buildings, or archeological sites of national significance.

- ① Find more information online about Save America's Treasures grants, including details of individual awards, at www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

Award approximately 75 grants.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

- Process grants totaling \$16,670,000 for 88 Congressionally earmarked projects in 35 States (The number of earmarks has changed from the 87 contained in the conference committee report because of Congressional substitutions for ineligible projects)
- Competitively award \$8,187,000 approximately 40 projects selected from among an estimated 350 grant applications.
- Monitor 500 previously awarded grants for compliance with grant conditions, and provide technical assistance to grantees and applicants.

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

- \$29.6 million appropriated
- Received 337 grant applications requesting \$133.7 million
- Awarded 144 grants in 40 States, totaling \$29.6 million
- 375 previously awarded grants remain active and are in the process of performing work

The following examples illustrate the broad scope of projects funded through the Save America's Treasures program in FY 2005:

Collection: Constructed for the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition, the National Historic Landmark Fair Park is home to one of the country's largest collections of outdoor public art. This \$300,000 grant will provide sun-damage protection for the monumental murals on two park buildings.

Collection: The Ansel Adams Collection at the University of Arizona in Tucson includes prints, negatives, transparencies, personal books, papers and correspondence, photographic equipment, and other personal possessions associated with the famed photographer. The \$270,000 grant will be used to conserve and to provide appropriate archival rehousing for the collection.

Building: The Bodie Historic Mining District, a National Historic Landmark, in Bridgeport, California, is the largest intact gold mining "ghost town" in the western United States. The \$275,000 grant will be used to stabilize the buildings in the district and make them weather tight.

Building: The Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, served as the headquarters of the Birmingham civil rights movement from 1956 – 1961 and was the target of three bombings in the years

prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The \$215,000 grant will be used to reinforce failed roof trusses and repair exterior water damage.

Performance Overview

NOTE: This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changed resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details.

Measure	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
Participating Cultural properties in good condition (SP, BUR IIIa2)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						
National Historic Landmarks in good condition (BUR IIIa2A)	See National Recreation and Preservation – Cultural Programs						
Additional Eligible National Register properties protected (BUR IIIa2B)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						

Activity: America's Heritage & Preservation Partnership Program
Subactivity: Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America

Subactivity Summary

Subactivity	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007			Change From 2006 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America	0	4,926	0	+5,074	10,000	+5,074
Total Requirements	0	4,926	0	+5,074	10,000	+5,074

FY 2006 funding was provided within Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures program.

Mission Overview

The Preserve America program supports the National Park Service goal to provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. This goal contributes to the Departmental goal to protect the Nation's natural, cultural, and heritage resources.

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The FY 2007 budget request for Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America is \$10.0 million and 0 FTE, a program change of \$5.074 million from the FY 2006 level.

Increase Support Preserve America Grants Program: +\$5.074 million

The 2007 budget includes an increase of \$5.074 million for Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America and seeks to formally establish this program. The FY 2006 appropriation allowed up to \$5 million of the Save America's Treasures program to be used for this purpose. The funding would provide assistance to communities looking for ways to preserve their local heritage in a self-sustaining manner, including planning and feasibility studies, heritage education curricula, and heritage tourism business cases. American history comes alive in historic buildings, cultural sites, and communities that celebrate their historic settings. Thousands of historic and cultural sites are the pride of local communities everywhere. Many of these communities can use historic sites to promote heritage tourism and economic development.

Program Performance Change Table

Total Performance Change + 145 grants issued					
	A	B	C	D= B+C	E
	Overall Performance Changes from 2006 to 2007				
Measure	2006 Enacted Performance	2007 Base Performance Level	2007 Impact of Program Change on Performance	2007 Budget Request Performance	Out-year Impact of 2007 Program Change on Performance
Grants issued	120	120	+ 145	265	145
Column B: The performance level you expect to achieve absent the program change (i.e., at the 2006 enacted level plus/minus funded fixed cost/related changes); this would reflect, for example, the impact of prior year funding changes, management efficiencies, absorption of fixed costs, and trend impacts.					
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Program Overview

The Preserve America grants program, as part of the President's Preserve America initiative, would provide grants to local communities to develop strategies for sustainable use of historic and cultural heritage assets (e.g., buildings, landscapes, and natural features) and to foster economic and educational opportunities related to heritage tourism. Heritage assets, including historic resources and associated landscapes and natural features, are viable elements for local economic development. More than half of the States have some form of heritage tourism programs that result in job creation and increasing property values and tax revenue. Nowhere is this needed more right now than along the Gulf Coast, as communities rebuild their infrastructure and economies fueled by heritage tourism.

The program would not fund "bricks and mortar" restoration projects, which are covered under Save America's Treasures grants. Instead, it complements the Save America's Treasures grants program by offering support to local communities in the form of competitive 50:50 matching grants as one-time "seed money" to facilitate the development of sustainable resource management strategies and sound business practices for the continued preservation of heritage assets. Such activities include planning and feasibility studies, heritage education curricula, and heritage tourism business cases. American history comes alive in historic buildings, cultural sites, and communities that celebrate their historic settings. Thousands of historic and cultural sites are the pride of local communities everywhere. Many of these communities can use historic sites to promote heritage tourism and economic development. The Preserve America initiative will provide planning and associated assistance to communities looking for ways to preserve their local heritage in a self-sustaining manner.

Eligibility is limited to State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs), designated Preserve America Communities, or Certified Local Governments (CLGs) that have applied for Preserve America Community designation. The National Park Service would administer Preserve America grants in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

- ① Find more information online about Preserve America grants, including details of individual awards, at www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/PreserveAmerica/

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

- Competitively award \$10.0 million to approximately 265 projects selected from among an estimated 400 grant applications.
- Monitor grants awarded in FY 2006 and FY 2007 for compliance with grant conditions, and technical assistance will be provided to grantees and applicants.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

- Competitively award \$4.976 million to approximately 120 projects selected from among an estimated 225 grant applications.
- Monitor grants for compliance with grant conditions, and technical assistance will be provided to grantees and applicants.

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Grant-in-Aid to Preserve America did not receive funding in FY 2005.

Performance Overview

NOTE: This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changed resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details.

Measure	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
Additional properties designated as National Historic Landmarks (BUR IIIa1A)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						
Additional historic and archeological properties inventoried and evaluated (BUR IIIa1C)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						
Additional historic and archeological properties designated (BUR IIIa1D)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						
Participating Cultural properties in good condition (SP, BUR IIIa2)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						
User Satisfaction with historic preservation assistance (BUR IIIa3)	See Grants-in-Aid to States						

Activity: America's Heritage & Preservation Partnership Program
Subactivity: Heritage Partnership Programs

Subactivity Summary

Program Components	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007			Change From 2006 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Commissions and Grants	[14,459]	[13,202]	+13,202	-5,903	7,299	+7,299
Administrative Support	[120]	[99]	+101	0	101	+101
Total Requirements	[14,579]	[13,301]	+13,303	-5,903	7,400	+7,400
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>[12]</i>	<i>[12]</i>	<i>+12</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>

Mission Overview

The Heritage Partnership Program supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to two fundamental goals for the National Park Service: 1) Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs; and 2) through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people. These NPS goals support the DOI goals to provide recreation opportunities for America and safeguard lives, property and assets, advance scientific knowledge, and improve the quality of life for communities we serve.

Subactivity Overview

The NPS is proposing in FY 2007 to move Heritage Partnership Programs from the National Recreation and Preservation appropriation to a new umbrella activity—the America's Heritage and Preservation Partnership Program—within the Historic Preservation Fund appropriation, as part of the President's Preserve America initiative. **Heritage Partnership Programs** (National Heritage Areas) have been created by Congress to promote the conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups or by States and not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas rests with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy. These include resource conservation, community attention to quality of life issues, and help to develop sustainable economies. This subactivity includes two program components:

Commissions and Grants. This component shows funding support provided to the management entity of each National Heritage Area. Heritage areas provide a powerful tool for the preservation of community heritage, combining historic preservation, cultural and ecotourism, local and regional preservation planning and heritage education and tourism. This funding also includes reimbursement for technical assistance and training provided by the NPS as partners to encourage resource conservation and interpretation. There are currently 27 National Heritage Areas.

Administrative Support. This component provides Servicewide heritage areas coordination, guidance, assistance and support to the areas, the agency, partners, and the public.

Subactivity: Heritage Partnership Programs
Program Component: Commissions and Grants

Summary Table of Funding by Heritage Area

National Heritage Areas	State(s)	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Request
1. America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos and Smokestacks)	Iowa	740	690	
2. Augusta Canal National Heritage Area	Georgia	394	345	
3. Blue Ridge National Heritage Area	North Carolina	888	788	
4. Cache La Poudre River Corridor	Colorado	44	0	0
5. Cane River National Heritage Area	Louisiana	888	788	
6. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor	Pennsylvania	789	739	
7. Erie Canalway National Corridor	New York	690	641	
8. Essex National Heritage Area	Massachusetts	888	788	
9. Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area	New York	493	443	
10. John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor	Massachusetts/ Rhode Island	833	788	
11. Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor (*See description)	Illinois	0	0	0
12. Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	542	493	
13. Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area	Mississippi	164	197	
14. MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area	Michigan	493	444	
15. National Aviation Heritage Area	Ohio	165	197	
16. National Coal Heritage Area	West Virginia	121	99	
17. Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor	Ohio	887	788	
18. Oil Region National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	164	197	
19. Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor	Connecticut/ Massachusetts	838	788	
20. Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	888	788	
21. Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	493	443	
22. Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	Virginia	493	443	
23. South Carolina National Heritage Corridor	South Carolina	888	788	
24. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Area (*See description)	Pennsylvania	0	0	0
25. Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	Tennessee	394	394	
26. Wheeling National Heritage Area	West Virginia	888	788	
27. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Arizona	394	345	
Total		14,459	13,202	7,299**

**Funding distribution among the 24 heritage areas supported under this subactivity to be determined.

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The 2007 budget request for the Commissions and Grants program is \$7.299 million and 6 FTE, a program change of -\$5.903 million and 11 FTE from the 2006 level.

Reduce Support for Heritage Partnership Programs: -\$5.903 million; -5.0 FTE

The NPS requests the reduction of funding to support national heritage areas in FY 2007. This reduction in funding reflects an emphasis on encouraging heritage areas to become self-sufficient. The Administration proposes to use FY 2007 to transition away from the use of directed funds in favor of a competitive award grant program and will work with Congress to facilitate this transition.

Program Performance Change Table

Total Performance Change		- average \$240 per Heritage area			
	A	B	C	D= B+C	E
	Overall Performance Changes from 2006 to 2007				
Measure	2006 Enacted Performance	2007 Base Performance Level	2007 Impact of Program Change on Performance	2007 Budget Request Performance	Out-year Impact of 2007 Program Change on Performance
Average funds to Heritage Areas (thousands of dollars)	\$533.44	\$533.44	- \$241.48	\$291.96	- \$240
Column B: The performance level you expect to achieve absent the program change (i.e., at the 2006 enacted level plus/minus funded fixed cost/related changes); this would reflect, for example, the impact of prior year funding changes, management efficiencies, absorption of fixed costs, and trend impacts.					
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Program Overview

By partnering with State governments or private non-profit organizations, the National Park Service facilitates the management of National Heritage Areas. Congress has designated 27 National Heritage Areas to conserve and commemorate distinctive regional landscapes. These areas include canal corridors; river corridors that provided access and power to early settlers; and landscapes that tell the story of big steel, coal, and agriculture. National Heritage Areas do not have an overall program authorization. In most cases, a 1:1 match is required in area legislation. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups, Federal Commissions, or by States—not by the National Park Service. Land use control of the areas continues to rest with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy, including resource conservation and community attention to quality of life issues supported by developing sustainable economies. Upon designation as a National Heritage Area, a management entity guides the development of a management plan that provides a blueprint for the area's future activities. The plan includes a resource inventory and identifies interpretive themes, restoration projects, recreational opportunities and funding strategies. Once the Secretary of the Interior has approved the management plan, it is implemented as funding and resources are available. The national heritage areas address the NPS Strategic Goals by:

- Instilling Management Excellence: engaging partners in conservation as well as fostering and evaluating the economic benefits of cultural and heritage preservation in local communities, and
- Resource Protection: Improving the health of watersheds and landscapes as well as improving access to recreation and ensuring the protection of cultural and national heritage resources through partnerships, grants, and education.

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

1. **America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos and Smokestacks)** was authorized in 1996. Silos and Smokestacks is a thirty-seven county area in Iowa, which facilitates opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about America's agricultural legacy. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Updates to visitor guides, audio driving tour, develop the passport program and publish a quarterly newsletter to increase public awareness.
 - Develop and implement annual conference and 10th anniversary celebration.
 - Distribute grants to preserve and interpret America's agricultural and agricultural/industrial stories.
 - Sponsor part of the 3rd Annual Hoover Wallace Banquet in conjunction with the World Food Prize.
2. **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area** was created to establish and implement an overall plan for the preservation, development and management of the Augusta Canal as a public resource. Con-

structed in 1845, this nine-mile corridor follows the full length of the best-preserved industrial canal of its kind remaining in the South. The canal is still being used for three of the original purposes for which it was built: water power, transportation and water supply. The canal transformed Augusta from an agrarian to an important regional industrial area on the eve of the Civil War and was instrumental in the post-Civil War relocation of much of the nation's textile industry to the South. FY 2007 projects would include:

- Further develop exhibits for the Interpretive Center.
- Develop and install multiuse trail, historic markers, signage and benches along 3rd level of canal.
- Perform recreational improvements at Canal Headgates area.
- Construct new pedestrian bridge at Canal Headgates.



Following reconstruction, a trail, historic markers, signage and benches will be installed along the 3rd level of the Augusta Canal.

3. **Blue Ridge National Heritage Area** The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area consists of 25 counties and the Qualla Boundary in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area works to preserve the spectacular beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and to interpret traditional mountain music, folk life traditions, traditional arts, the culture and influences of the Cherokee Indians, and the Scots-Irish heritage of the region. The Area is managed by a 9-member Board of Directors composed of representatives of State, local, non-profit and Cherokee Indian organizations. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Expand training program for travel and tourism employees.
 - Continue implementation of Trails Program with development and installation of signage.
4. **Cache La Poudre River Corridor** was established to commemorate the story of water law and water development in the West. The primary emphasis of current programs is on interpretation and education. The legislation also calls for private landowners to adopt voluntary measures for the preservation and restoration of significant resources along the Corridor. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Complete an ethnohistory of Larimer and Weld Counties.
 - Distribute heritage area informational booklet.
 - Continue installation of highway signage.
5. **Cane River National Heritage Area** was established to assist in the preservation and enhancement of the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region, complementing the role of Cane River Creole NHP. The 116,000 acre heritage area in northwestern Louisiana is a largely rural, agricultural landscape known for its historic plantations, its distinctive Creole architecture, and its multi-cultural legacy. It is home to a unique blend of cultures, including French, Spanish, African, American Indian, and Creole. Many people of these cultures are descended from early Cane River families who have interacted with each other for nearly 300 years. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Develop a shared visitor center for Cane River Creole NHP and Cane River NHA.
 - Carry out a sustainability study in conjunction with the NPS Conservation Study Institute. The study will evaluate the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission's progress to date and help to chart a course for the future, in alignment with the evaluation requirements in the proposed national heritage area program legislation.
 - Continue competitive grants program to award matching funding for historic preservation, research and development projects.
 - Continue assisting in the documentation of the area's diverse cultures, as well as documentation and preservation of historic and archeological resources in the Cane River region.
6. **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** is a 165-mile corridor in eastern Pennsylvania. Canals and railroads transported lumber, anthracite coal, slate, iron and steel from mountain to market, fueling America's industrial revolution. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Continue design and construction of the D&L Trail.
 - Develop stewardship or maintenance compact for the care of the D&L Trails.
 - Implement interpretative plans for the Beth Works Now project.
 - Implement the sustainability study

7. **Erie Canalway National Corridor** covers 524 miles in upstate New York, including four navigable waterways: Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca; sections of the first Erie Canal; and over 200 municipalities adjacent to the canals. This waterway played a key role in turning New York City into a preeminent center for commerce, industry, and finance. Besides being a catalyst for growth in the Mohawk and Hudson valleys, these canals helped open up western America for settlement and for many years transported much of the Midwest's agricultural and industrial products to domestic and international markets. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Initiate "circuit riders" multidisciplinary technical assistance program for heritage corridor communities to professionalize interpretive exhibits and historic preservation efforts.
 - Develop a visually and thematically consistent system of high-quality interpretive components with a corridor-wide perspective, including websites, publications, signs, exhibits and interpretive programs.
 - Initiate a Canalway Community Partner program to foster and recognize communities that adopt Erie Canalway programs and initiatives.
8. **Essex National Heritage Area** preserves and interprets three themes of national significance to American History: Early Settlement and the first contact between native peoples and colonists (17th-century); Great Age of Sail and America's rise as an international trading power (18th and 19th-centuries); Industrial Revolution with an emphasis on textile and shoe manufacturing and the birth of the labor movement (19th and 20th-centuries). FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Continue and expand annual grant program to further partnership development, interpretation and preservation projects.
 - Implement second year of "Using Essex History" and investigate other ways to use these topics and primary documents to educate new audiences.
 - Support the development of trails and greenways, especially along the Border to Boston trail and with the Coastal Trail Coalition.
 - Continue work on management plan for Essex National Heritage Area Scenic Byway and begin planning for southern Essex scenic byway coastal route.
 - Develop Heritage Landscape Inventory: Phase II action agenda with area partners and community leaders.
 - Continue to expand regional awareness programs that involve local citizens in becoming stewards of the area – including further development of Trails & Sails and ENHC Explorers.
9. **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area**, which stretches from Troy to New York City, contains a rich assemblage of natural features and nationally significant cultural and historical sites. The period from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War is well represented and complemented by individual sites such as FDR's Springwood, Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill, Lyndhurst, and Vanderbilt Mansion, among others. The valley retains the scenic, rural character that inspired the Hudson Valley School of landscape painting and the Knickerbocker writers. Recreational opportunities abound in local parks, protected open space, and greenways. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Continue Teaching the Hudson Valley, in partnership with NPS. Grants would be awarded to teachers to develop place based curriculum.
 - Hold education & celebration events, including the Seventh Annual Great Hudson River Paddle; Great Hudson Valley Pedal; Hudson River Valley Ramble; Patriots' Weekend; and Hudson-Fulton Quadricentennial Event.
10. **Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor** was created in 1984 as the first national heritage area. The canal was built in the 1830s and '40s along the portage between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River, which had long been used as an American Indian trade route. The canal rapidly transformed Chicago from an isolated crossroads into a critical transportation hub between the East and the developing Midwest. A 61-mile recreational trail follows the canal towpath. The Federal Commission's authority and funding ended in 2005. While the Corridor no longer receives funding under this activity, its designation exists in perpetuity.



Volunteers participating in a Trails & Sails work event sponsored by Essex NHA.

11. **John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor** was authorized in 1986 to tell the story of the American Industrial Revolution, which began along the 46 miles of river and canals running from Worcester, Massachusetts, to Providence, Rhode Island. The mills (including Slater Mill), mill villages, and associated transportation networks in the Blackstone Valley together tell the story of industrialization. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Continue the “Fishable/Swimmable by 2015” campaign to address water quality issues.
 - Implement the design plan for the Northern Gateway Visitor Center.
 - Support the “Blackstone Valley Institute” and “Leadership Blackstone Valley” with community engagement for addressing land use and development issues and opportunities.
 - Provide interpretive programming throughout the Heritage Corridor via tours, television programming, written materials, and exhibits.
12. **Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area** has worked to strengthen and enhance the development and preservation of the historic, cultural, natural, and economic resources of the communities along the Lackawanna River in northeastern Pennsylvania. The architecture, ethnic traditions and infrastructure of the Anthracite region tell the story of the Lackawanna Valley and its role in the industrial development of the United States. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Develop interpretive centers for the textile/garment industry at the Scranton Lace Works and for interpretive tours of businesses such as Gertrude Hawk candy factory and Avanti Cigars (a continuing operation in an industry that once employed more than 6,000 workers locally).
 - Assist the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies with the implementation phase of a traveling exhibit, web site, and curriculum project, “The Place I Call Home,” to research, interpret, and promote northeastern Pennsylvania’s role in the Underground Railroad movement.
 - Acquisition of additional property for green space development and tourist amenities at the Heritage Interpretive Center.
 - Develop a vigorous volunteer/docent program to encourage active community engagement for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Trail, regional historic sites, and the Heritage Interpretive Center.
 - Complete designated sections of the 40-mile Lackawanna Heritage Valley Trail (Archbald-Jermyn, Jermyn-HV Center, Blakely-Mayfield, Mayfield-Carbondale, and Carbondale-Simpson).
13. **Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area**, designated in 2004, is a six-county area within the Mississippi Coastal Plain that borders the Gulf of Mexico. This cultural landscape has been shaped by the coastal and riverine environment and a number of ethnic influences, including those of early Native Americans and Spanish, French, and English settlers. The area contains a rich assortment of cultural and historical resources related to these cultures, in addition to spectacular natural, scenic, and recreational resources. The area will be coordinated by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, in consultation with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. In FY 2007, the Area will implement their management plan, including post-Hurricane Katrina reconstruction and conservation activities.
14. **MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area** was authorized in 1998 to preserve, interpret and promote Michigan’s rich automotive and labor heritage. Activities include providing educational opportunities and increasing tourism by creating linkages among automobile-related sites. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Development of 2008 “Year of the Car” celebrations commemorating the centennials of General Motors Corporation and the introduction of the Model T.
 - Implement wayside exhibit program.
 - Continue education partnership.
15. **National Aviation Heritage Area** in southwestern Ohio, designated in 2004, builds upon existing partnerships among the Federal, State, and local governments



MotorCities NHA is partnering with regional, national and international businesses to provide educational opportunities for kids to learn about their heritage.

and the private sector that focus their efforts on preserving and interpreting historic aviation resources. The area will be managed by Aviation Heritage Foundation, Incorporated, a non-profit organization. In FY 2007, the Area would continue the development of a management plan.

16. **National Coal Heritage Area** is located in southern West Virginia. The rugged industrial landscape of the National Coal Heritage Area showcases the stories of hard-working miners of many races and ethnicities who labored to extract and transport coal, and their wives, who struggled to maintain homes under primitive conditions. Coalfield history and culture contains key elements of a unique social and economic history including the stories of industrial might, the struggle for labor unions, and the growth of distinctive cultural communities among different ethnic groups who worked side-by-side and lived together in the "company towns" of the region. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Continue implementation of the gateway signage plan and way-finding system.
 - Continue implementation of an interpretive plan for the Coal Heritage Trail.
17. **Ohio and Erie National Heritage CanalWay**, in northeast Ohio, celebrates the canal that enabled shipping between Lake Erie and the Ohio River, opened up the frontier settlement of Ohio, and vaulted Ohio into commercial prominence in the early 1830s. The canal and towpath trail pass through agricultural lands and rural villages into industrial communities such as Akron, Canton, and Cleveland that trace their prosperity to the coming of the canal. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Development of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.
 - Development and construction of the Canalway Visitor Centers and the regional signage program.
 - Develop marketing materials for the Ohio & Erie Canalway.
 - Assist with educational programs that promote stewardship for the Ohio & Erie Canalway.
18. **Oil Region National Heritage Area**, designated in 2004, centers around the story of Colonel Edwin Drake's drilling of the world's first successful oil well in 1859, which changed the course of industry, society, and politics in the modern world. The Oil Region contains a number of remnants of the oil industry, as well as historic valley settlements, riverbed settlements, plateau developments, farmlands, and industrial landscapes. The area has additionally been shaped by Native Americans, frontier settlements, the French and Indian War, African Americans and the Underground Railroad, and the Swedish and Polish immigrants. The NHA designation will enhance the current efforts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, volunteer organizations, and private businesses, to interpret and promote the cultural, national, and recreational resources of this region to residents and visitors. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Produce and install regional directional sign system. Produce documentary in connection with the 2009 Sesquicentennial of Oil celebration.
 - Establish an "Oil Region This Old House" training site.
19. **Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor** in northeast Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts is one of the last unspoiled and undeveloped areas in the northeastern U.S. It has important prehistoric archeological sites, diversified agriculture, excellent water quality, beautiful rural landscapes, architecturally significant mill structures and mill villages, and a large acreage of green space. The corridor encompasses 1,086 square miles and includes 35 towns. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Continue to provide technical assistance and grant programs.
 - Continue the work of The Green Valley Institute.
 - Develop a cooperative regional marketing and value-added project for sustainable agriculture.
20. **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** works within the seven counties of southwestern Pennsylvania to deliver a multifaceted approach to regional preservation, stewardship of natural resources, cultural conservation, economic revitalization, education and heritage tourism. The Area's mission is to conserve, preserve, manage, and interpret the legacy of big steel and its related industries. Over 270 heritage development projects are underway or have been completed in the Rivers of Steel's seven-county region, representing \$37.7 million in grants and required matching funds. FY 2007 projects would include:
 - Continue restoration of the Pump House and Water Tower, site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead.
 - Stabilize and restore the Carrie Furnace site.
 - Continue development of heritage sites throughout the Rivers of Steel Heritage Area to improve their visitor attractiveness and their contributions to the local economy.

21. **Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area** was authorized in 2000 to conserve, interpret and develop the historical, cultural, natural and recreational resources related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the Schuylkill River Valley of Southeastern Pennsylvania. By 1777, when George Washington wintered his troops at Valley Forge, early entrepreneurs had already founded many of the historic towns along the Schuylkill River where the charcoal, iron and textile industries of the region would grow. In 1822, the first load of anthracite coal was taken from the Schuylkill headwaters to Philadelphia along the Schuylkill Navigation System (canal). Pre-Revolutionary mills and late 19th century factories, rural villages and the City of Philadelphia, all are part of the fabric of the Schuylkill River Valley. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Complete the Schuylkill River Trail Thru trail section between the Montgomery County Line and Reading in Berks County.
 - Open five additional gateway centers for a total of 13 centers throughout the heritage area.
 - Implement Schuylkill River Trail signage plan.
22. **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District** tells the military and civilian stories of the civil war. From 1861 to 1864 the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia was caught in the crossfire between the North and the South, because of its strategic location as the backdoor to the two capitals and a transportation corridor. Today, 15 battlefields, over 320 sites, towns, villages, and farms in the eight-county National Historic District attest to the struggle, courage, and perseverance of the soldiers and civilians alike. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Complete development of a district-wide marketing plan in partnership with the local, regional and State tourism agencies and businesses.
 - Complete and begin implementation a district-wide interpretive plan begun in FY 2005 in partnership with the Civil War sites, museums, and historical organizations.
 - Continue Implementation Project Grants to support partners' interpretive, restoration and marketing projects that support goals outlined in the management plan.
23. **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor**, bounded on one end by the port city of Charleston and on the other by the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, provides a cross-section of the landscape, history and culture of South Carolina. The 240 miles and 14 counties that comprise the Heritage Corridor are divided in four distinct regions that work together to tell the story of the Old South: a story of plantations and cotton fields, of kindred spirits and a county in conflict, of hardships and prosperity, of family and friends. They also tell the story of the New South: a story of railroads and its towns, industry and its villages, of technology and its accomplishments. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Continue development of the Carolina Caribbean Connection Project.
 - Continue development of educational programming at area schools.
24. **Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission** recognizes the cultural heritage of the nine-county region in southwestern Pennsylvania associated with the three basic industries of iron and steel, coal, and transportation. The Commission has become self-supporting and no longer receives funding under this activity.
25. **Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area** tells the stories of the American Civil War and Reconstruction. Geographic location, along with strategic river and rail routes, productive farmlands, and industrial sites made Tennessee a crucial prize fought for by both armies. The Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area focuses on the late antebellum period (from ca. 1850), military activity, the home front experience, Reconstruction, and the enduring legacy of this history. FY 2007 projects would include:
- Develop Civil War exhibits for new Gateway Visitors Center on I-24 in Murfreesboro.
 - Serve as lead partner in planning and studies for the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial efforts.
 - Provide support and assistance for potential Blount County Heritage Corridor.
 - Continue expansion of the Mississippi River Natural and Heritage Corridor project.
 - Develop Heritage Tourism plans for the Cumberland Plateau and Upper Cumberland region.
 - Preservation and Interpretive Center planning for the Franklin Battlefield Project.
 - Create new heritage tourism projects for southern Middle Tennessee including Pulaski and South Pittsburg.
26. **Wheeling National Heritage Area** Throughout the 19th century, Wheeling served as the "Cross-roads of America", playing an important role in the settlement of the Nation. Transportation, a major theme, is represented by the National Historic Landmark Wheeling Suspension Bridge, the first

bridge to cross the Ohio River. West Virginia Independence Hall, the former U.S. Customs House for this 19th century inland port, was the birthplace of the State of West Virginia during the Civil War. Wheeling was also site of many industries including iron and steel, nails, textiles, boat building, glass manufacturing, and stogie and tobacco manufacturing. LaBelle Cut Nails, one of two manufacturers in the nation, continues to produce cut nails with equipment and a process that is over 150-years old. FY 2007 projects would include:

- Continue to conserve and interpret Wheeling's architecture through intervention and preparation of adaptive reuse feasibility analyses.
- Continue partnership projects including heritage tourism, grant programs and community archiving.

27. **Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area** commemorates the natural ford on the Colorado River, which has been a gathering spot for people for over 500 years and is an important landmark of the Nation's westward expansion. Yuma celebrates its historic role in water management to produce abundant agriculture in the desert, and now is an innovator in community-driven wetlands restoration along the Colorado River. FY 2007 projects would include:

- Design east wetlands.
- Construct gateway parks.
- Design and construct "Pivot Point" Interpretive Overlook.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership

- Develop and place signage at each partner site and install information kiosks at two welcome centers.
- Celebrate the 10th anniversary, highlighting past, present and future.
- Hold second annual conference to assist sites and attractions in heritage development.
- Expand participation in the National Park Passport program and develop SSNHA passport program for partner sites.
- Develop Five Iowa Secretaries of Agriculture CampSilos excursion for online field trips.

Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

- Construct new pedestrian bridge across canal at Headgates and develop exhibits for interpretive centers.
- Construct New Bartram Trail and multiuse trail along 3rd level of canal.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

- Complete 10-Year Management Plan and secure approval from the Department of the Interior.
- Establish front-line training program for travel and tourism employees throughout the region.
- Expand grants program.
- Complete identification of sites in Trails Program and begin installation of signage.
- Expand website.

Cache La Poudre River Corridor

- Research ethnohistory of Larimer and Weld Counties.
- Develop and publish booklet to publicize the Heritage Area for the general public.
- Complete General Management Plan.
- Install highway signs (Interstate and major State highways).

Cane River National Heritage Area

- Partner on development of an exhibit on the history of the Cane River region with the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.
- Begin implementation of the comprehensive signage program and continue development of a regional guidebook, map brochures, and designation of a scenic byway.
- Publish *Elder Utterances: An Oral Remembrance*, an ethnographic analysis of more than 100 oral histories in the African-American community.
- Continue historic preservation projects, including restoration of Yucca House on Melrose Plantation, a National Historic Landmark, and the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot.

- Continue competitive grants program to award matching funding for historic preservation, research and development projects.

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

- Complete and implement the Assessment and Sustainability Study and move recommendations forward.
- Co-chair an interpretative partnership focused on the former Bethlehem Steel site as it is redeveloped – Historic Bethlehem Partnership, Beth Works Now, City of Bethlehem, National Museum of Industrial History and numerous local and regional groups interested in the site.
- Restore flood damaged portions of the Delaware Canal – total cost \$23 million.
- Open new Center for Canal History and Technology in Hugh Moore Park, Easton – archival center of the National Canal Museum, technology interpretative center and headquarters for the Delaware & Lehigh NHC.
- Contract and construct additional segments of the rail and Lehigh Tow Path sections of the D&L Trail.



Delaware and Lehigh NHC is co-chairing an interpretative partnership based on the redevelopment of the former Bethlehem Steel site in Pennsylvania.

Erie Canalway National Corridor

- Establish a nonprofit organization to raise funding for heritage corridor programs and projects.
- Initiate Erie Canalway identity and signage program throughout the corridor to establish the corridor image.
- Produce National Park Service brochure for heritage corridor.
- Establish a grant incentive program to foster preservation and community revitalization actions.

Essex National Heritage Area

- Continue to develop action plan for 'at-risk' heritage sites identified in the Heritage Landscape Inventory and conduct in-depth surveys of six of the most threaten resource types.
- Begin preparation of corridor management plan for 24-mile Essex National Heritage Area Scenic Byway.
- Expand educators resources through 'Using Essex History' a new program that provides teacher workshops in partnership with local historic sites, public schools, local colleges, and National Archives Center under the auspices of ENHC and with a matching Teach America History grant
- Partner with NPS Rivers & Trails Program to promote awareness of 30-mile Border to Boston regional trail.
- Update study of economic impact of cultural tourism in National Heritage Area, by re-surveying key heritage sites using NPS MGM2 money model and analyzing trends.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

- Continue the installation of gateway signs and assist heritage sites with installation of directional signage.
- Print and disseminate the 19th Century Painters: Hudson River School map/brochures and Architectural Traditions in the Hudson River Valley map/brochures. Develop Gardens in the Hudson River Valley and Landscapes & Natural Areas map/brochures.
- In partnership with NPS, award Teaching the Hudson Valley grants to teachers to develop place-based curriculums.

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Based on the results of the Blackstone Canal Preservation Study, restore segments of the Blackstone Canal and towpath and plan for public access. Complete a Rhode Island-based canal study with the same scope.
- Position the Blackstone Valley Institute and Leadership Blackstone Valley as sustainable institutions whereby communities are actively engaged in development strategies that address land use and development issues and opportunities, environmental restoration/protection, and preservation of heritage resources.
- Address water quality issues, restore aquatic life and migratory fish populations and provide educational opportunities through the "Fishable/Swimmable by 2015" campaign by the enhancement of the River Report Card and development of the "State of the River" report.

- Complete design and planning for the Northern Gateway Center.

Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area

- Acquire the Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company building in the historic district of Scranton and develop the site for future organizational operations and the Heritage Interpretive Center.
- Complete the first visitor retail guidebook for the region, "Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures" under the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Press imprint.
- Develop Heritage Education DVDs that will present the region's historic sites in a "virtual tour" format with accompanying teacher's activity guide and student's activity book.
- Complete the Scranton Riverfront Greenway Trail, the Heritage Valley Center Trail, and other designated sections of the 40-mile Lackawanna Heritage Valley Trail.
- Develop the Urban Master Plan for the Scranton Riverfront Greenway with associated riverfront amenities and downtown improvements.

Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area

- Begin development of a management plan.

MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area

- Develop African-American Auto Heritage Tour.
- Develop interpretive program to celebrate contemporary automotive industry and Arsenal of Democracy.
- Begin installation of 300 interpretive wayside exhibits throughout heritage area.

National Aviation Heritage Area

- Begin development of a management plan.

National Coal Heritage Area

- Open scenic byway interpretive center and Implement gateway signage plan and wayfinding system.
- Implement interpretive plan for the Coal Heritage Trail.

Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Open the Canal Fulton Canalway Center and the Canalway Learning Center in Stark County.
- Completed the Tuscarawas County Trail and Green Space, a blueprint for the future planning and development of the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail, as well as trails and green spaces in Tuscarawas County.
- Develop five new miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

Oil Region National Heritage Area

- Complete, print, submit, and distribute in hard copy and electronically the amended Oil Region National Heritage Area Management Plan.
- Produce and install directional signs on Federal highways.
- Design Visitor Orientation Center for inside Perry Street Station in Titusville, PA.

Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Continue successful grant program to build capacity while conserving resources.
- Implement three more *Last Green Valley Ventures*.
- Implement resource survey for future common market for agricultural products.
- Develop a volunteer water quality monitoring training and implementation project.

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- Initiate the stabilization of the Carrie Furnace structures and site and begin fundraising for restoration.
- Implement Pump House site plan to make the site more visitor friendly and restore its appearance to more closely resemble its 1892 appearance.
- Complete remaining two journey area studies in the heritage area to inventory heritage assets and prioritize funding priorities.
- Develop a children's activity book to entertain and educate with industrial heritage information.
- Update the Rivers of Steel Management Action Plan.

Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area

- Complete new Schuylkill River Heritage website.



- Establish the Heritage Partners Program.
- Print a Schuylkill River Heritage Area NPS Brochure.
- Complete four sections of the Schuylkill River Trail in Berks and Schuylkill Counties and begin implementation of Master Sign Plan.
- Open an eighth gateway center in Pottstown, PA being hosted and staffed by Montgomery County Community College.
- Identifying and planning for 5 additional gateway centers.

Rivers of Steel NHA and partners tour the Carrie Furnace. The site and structures are currently being stabilized.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

- Complete negotiations to preserve 1,200 acres of battlefield land through fee acquisition, purchase or donation of conservation easements at six of the ten battlefields in the District.
- Begin development of a marketing plan in partnership with the local, regional and State tourism agencies and businesses.
- Continue development of an interpretive plan in partnership with the Civil War sites, museums, and historical organizations in the District.
- Redesign the National Historic District's website, www.ShenandoahAtWar.org to make it more user friendly; including additional information on resource conservation.
- Complete the first in-house publication on the 1862 Valley Campaign of Stonewall Jackson.
- Award grants to 12 organizations totaling in excess of \$50,000 for interpretive, restoration, and promotional projects.

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

- Fully develop our Kid's Trail, Fine and Traditional Arts Trail and Military Conflict Trail. Development will include securing partner locations, developing trail guides, installation of membership and wayfinding signage and development of special events program calendar.
- Install Discovery Stations at six new locations. Create partnership agreements and provide Corridor training to their employees.
- Begin development of the Carolina Caribbean Connection project with Barbados. Including a juried art show with artwork that depicts the international connection between SC and Barbados and travels throughout the Corridor for one year before ending in Barbados. Develop a five-year action plan to include cross-promotion and cross-marketing efforts.
- Hold grand opening of region three discovery centers.

Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area

- Partner with Mississippi River Natural and Recreational Corridor project to include the development of a management plan, historic site surveys, public meetings, and promotional materials.
- Continue partnership with the City of Franklin and Franklin's Charge on interpretive projects, preservation and education planning for Battle of Franklin reclamation project.
- Develop exhibits, interpretation plan and collections management plans for Arts Center of Cannon County, a multi-functional folk art center and theater that celebrates the area's rich craft heritage and supports the local craft industry.
- Develop visitors' centers/heritage centers in Clinton, Woodbury, Murfreesboro, Townsend, and the Orange Mound community in Memphis.

Wheeling National Heritage Area

- Create a Wheeling Heritage Summerfest Series comprised of a 3-day music and craft festival and 8 smaller one-day/night events at Wheeling Heritage Port.
- Continue to sponsor downtown historic building analyses to determine adaptive reuse feasibility and develop concept designs for the rehabilitation of Market Plaza in downtown Wheeling.
- Prepare a community needs assessment for archiving and take action on a priority initiative.
- Research, design and install 12 additional interpretive wayside signs focusing on historic neighborhoods.
- Continue Heritage Partnership Grant Program.

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

- Complete two-mile South Channel and wetlands restoration in East Wetlands.
- Add 100 acres of native tree reforestation in East Wetlands.
- Construct Gateway Park (downtown riverfront historical park).

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership

- Printed and distributed 85,000 travel guides promoting the heritage area and partner sites.
- Added seven new partner sites, bringing the total number of sites to 92. Involved over 100 farms and agribusinesses in the LIFE Tour program.
- Distributed \$75,000 in grants to preserve and interpret America's agricultural and agricultural/industrial stories and their significance to the nation and the world, enhance sites' agricultural/industrial stories and their significance to the nation and the world, enhance sites' agricultural/industrial stories and their significance to the nation and the world.

tural connection, raise the quality of attractions, develop positive visitor experiences, and build the capacity for the region to further develop and sustain agricultural and heritage tourism through new sites and events.

- Held first conference, themed *Telling the Story Together*. During the two-day conference, participants had the opportunity to acquire tools for heritage development by attending educational sessions on Iowa travel markets, signage, interpretive planning and gaining resources that help organizations meet missions and goals. Local, regional and national leaders discussed the state of the heritage area and the future of the national heritage area movement.
- Partnered with the Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance (IHPA) to celebrate "The Year of The Barn and the Family Farm" with an Iowa Farm Survey project to document the stories associated with barns. Iowa is one of the first to use the National Barn Survey, produced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation BARN AGAIN! and the National Barn Alliance.
- Collaborated with the National 19th Amendment Society and the University of Northern Iowa to open the Carrie Chapman Catt Girlhood Home near Charles City, Iowa. This historic site tells the story of Chapman Catt from her childhood on the prairie through her role in the fight for women's suffrage.

Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

- Dredged and reconstructed 3rd level of canal.
- Renovated 1875 locks and gatehouse at canal headgates.
- Installed exhibits in interpretive center.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

- Supervised creation of heritage tourism development plans totaling in excess of \$782 million in all 25 counties and the Qualla Boundary.
- Secured \$426,000 grant from North Carolina Department of Transportation for creation of Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Trails Program, a region-wide system of interpretative signage.
- Constructed a comprehensive, 350-page website serving the entire 25-county region.
- Launched first full Grants Program (\$350,000 in available grants).



Since designation in 2003 the Blue Ridge NHA has been developing a management plan in cooperation with the 24 counties and the Qualla boundary

Cache La Poudre River Corridor

- Worked with Colorado State University to create web site containing transcripts of oral interviews.
- Completed wayside exhibits project.
- Prepared script, organized interviews, and identified historic materials for heritage area video.
- Obtained agreement of the Colorado Department of Transportation to install highway signs along the interstate and major State highways.

Cane River National Heritage Area

- The Cane River region and the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana were designated a Preserve America Community and one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations.
- Completed the design phase of the Cane River NHA comprehensive signage program. The partnership project included Cane River Creole NHP, the Louisiana Office of State Parks, the City of Natchitoches and many other local partners.
- Collaborated on the development of an interpretive plan for Melrose Plantation, a National Historic Landmark. The plan was funded in part through a grant from the National Trust's Historic Homes and Artists' Studios affiliated sites program.
- Partnered with the Civil Rights Museum, a branch of the Louisiana State Museum, to conduct approximately 50 interviews concerning the Civil Rights era in the Cane River region. Excerpts of interviews will be placed on the museum's website, and all interviews will be archived at the museum and in the national heritage area collection.
- Awarded 13 grants, including one historic preservation project, three research projects, and nine development projects for a total of \$114,700 in grant funding. The competitive grants program is expected to leverage approximately \$430,000 this year.

Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

- Assisted six communities along the Spine that receive PA Hometown Streets funding to address 'Main Street' improvements – funding received totaled more than \$1.3 million.
- Initiated the 'Assessment and Sustainability Study' and the D&L Trail Stewardship Cost Study
- Led the local partnership for the Lehigh Valley Greenway Initiative to address sustainable growth.
- Dedicated Lock 11 of the Delaware Canal in the Borough of New Hope.

Erie Canalway National Corridor

- Released draft Preservation and Management Plan that established priorities and recommendations for the future revitalization of the heritage corridor. The release included an extensive and successful public outreach effort to solicit feedback on the plan.
- Opened the first Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Visitor Center and headquarters for Erie Canalway staff through a partnership with New York State Parks.
- Assisted partners in securing \$8.1 million for Erie Canal-related transportation projects.

Essex National Heritage Area

- Completed Heritage Landscape Inventory – Phase I and published Planning Reports for 24 communities. Survey documented over 1,300 'at-risk' heritage landscapes. Held stakeholder meetings and region-wide symposium to develop action plan for the next phase of inventory and protection.
- Continued expansion of ENHC Explorer's Program with 79% increase in new participants.
- Awarded \$73,500 in grants and leveraged an additional \$425,061 in public and private funds.
- Expanded *Trails & Sails: A Weekend of Walks and Water*: provided more events, attracted more attendees, increased regional outreach, and increased matching funds.
- Supported the production of Coastal Trails Coalition guide on walking, biking, and paddling trails.
- Increased the outreach capabilities for heritage sites by redesigning regional calendar, providing direct electronic listing capabilities, and developing a secure, online ticket sales sites available to all heritage resource managers in the area.
- Sustained 'History in the Making' an after-school program that connects at-risk kids to their communities through creative projects in the arts.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

- Developed Sign Program logo. Federal Highway Administration approved the use of the HRVNHA logo on gateway signs.
- Revised and reprinted the general map/brochure of the American Revolution in the Hudson River Valley. Other brochures in development include 19th Century Painters: Hudson River School and Architectural Traditions in the Hudson River Valley.
- Added enhanced features to the website including an online brochure request form and an itinerary planner for visitors. Since the official launch of the website in April 2004, approximately 333,328 web users have visited the site.

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

- The 5th Annual Blackstone Greenway Challenge hosted 71 relay teams participating in a 54 mile triathlon that included bicycling, paddling, and running.
- The 4-day Blackstone Expedition 2005, organized by partners, sponsors, and the Corridor Commission, showcased accomplishments throughout the Corridor as participants paddled, bicycled, and hiked from Worcester, MA to Central Falls, RI.
- Developed and co-sponsored the "Connection" charrette to discuss increased linkages between the riverfront and adjacent downtown business community.
- In partnership with the Worcester Historical Museum, the Blackstone Canal Preservation Study was published. The scope focused on the Blackstone Canal in Massachusetts. Through research and public input, the study inventoried and mapped the existing and historic location of the canal. The report will help guide future



Expedition 2005 brought municipal leaders and Corridor partners together for a four-day excursion along the Blackstone River Valley via canoe, bicycle, and foot.

planning around canal segments that present outstanding opportunities for preservation, restoration, and interpretation.

Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area

- Expanded the Traveling Trunks Program, an innovative heritage educational initiative, by partnering with the county library system to serve a larger part of the community. Currently used in 25 area schools, the program showcases Northeastern Pennsylvania's industrial heritage using trunks filled with items representing a child's life in 1900. Library program included visual or performing artists who engaged children in fun activities using a heritage theme.
- Facilitated the Industrial Heritage Task Force in developing a plan to interconnect all of Lackawanna Valley's heritage sites through the use of a thematically integrated "branding" and marketing campaign.
- Supported the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies in the development of "The Place I Call Home: Northeastern Pennsylvania's Underground Railroad History."
- Provided assistance and oversight to the Community Connections to the Watershed environmental education program and the "Geography: 21st Century Teaching and Learning" project. This project, in partnership with a local Education Intermediate Unit and the National Geographic Society, seeks to create a template in the State of Pennsylvania for integrating geographical topics such as heritage, culture, and cartography, into established K-12 curriculum.
- Completed final design work for the Scranton Riverfront Greenway, an environmental renewal and economic development project in Scranton, PA along the Lackawanna River.

Mississippi Gulf National Heritage Area

- Further developed the management plan.
- Began efforts to deal with the aftermath and outcomes of Hurricane Katrina.

MotorCities National Heritage Area

- Held 2005 World Forum for Motor Museums.
- Received a \$3,500 Save Our History Grant from The History Channel to partner with 150 students from Charles Kettering Elementary School, Edmonson Middle School, and Ypsilanti High School to actively engage in the recovery and rebuilding effort of the historic Yankee Air Museum.
- Developed Vehicle Restoration Lesson Plan.
- Completed Motor US 12 Program, documenting the historic resources along the storied route.
- Received Michigan History Award for outstanding State education program.

National Aviation Heritage Area

- Began the development of a management plan

National Coal Heritage Area

- Continued developing a new management entity for the heritage area.
- Implemented a new project grant program.

Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Held groundbreaking of the Cascade Locks Section of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in downtown Akron. This section traverses an 80-foot gorge.
- Held groundbreaking for SteelYard Commons, a new development along the Ohio & Erie Canalway in downtown Cleveland. Working in partnership with the local developer, the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail will be constructed along the Cuyahoga River as part of the redevelopment plans.
- Leveraged over \$9,000,000 in the SAFETEA-LU Transportation bill, which will leverage additional private, local, and State funding for the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.
- Held groundbreaking of the Canalway Learning Center, a joint partnership between the Perry Public Library and Stark Parks to provide educational and visitor services about the natural, historical and recreational resources along the Ohio & Erie Canalway.
- Presented over 25 educational programs, including Fishing Derbies, hiking programs, walking tours and bicycling events to over 250,000 residents and visitors.

Oil Region National Heritage Area

- Started amendment to Oil Heritage Region Management Plan to comply with Federal designation.

- Began Phase I of planning for the “Sesquicentennial of Oil,” a nationwide year-long celebration of oil history and inventions beginning with the 1859 Drake Well near Titusville, PA.
- Designed, produced and installed a series of interpretive panels along bicycle trails on the Allegheny River.

Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Implemented an innovative regional interpretation program, *Last Green Valley Ventures*.
- Implemented a constituent survey and analysis.
- Provided technical assistance and incentives for local capacity-building through grant program.
- Implemented a heritage tourism partnership with regional and State agencies; launched Local History Month to begin tourism season.

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- Stabilized the Pump House, site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead.
- Created a ‘Fun Map’ and brochure of the heritage area.
- Developed Signage design standards and installed interpretive trail signage.
- Developed a companion website to popular “Routes to Roots” driving guide and self-guided walking tours of Homestead, PA and the Pump House site.
- Continued “Tradition Bearers” radio series, featuring the cultural traditions of southwestern Pennsylvania, and development of a companion website.
- Installed new interpretive exhibits on a 3 -4 month schedule featuring artifacts and local artists at the Bost Building Gallery, Pump House and off-site galleries.
- Re-designed website and web store to permit most content changes to be made in-house.

Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area

- Completed of the \$1,000,000 Thun Trail Pedestrian Bridge over Rt. 222 in Berks County.
- Completed of the Schuylkill Ethnic Heritage Study.
- Completed of the Schuylkill Riverfront Academic Center and Curriculum Plan.
- Opened two new gateway centers at Hopewell Furnace and Valley Forge NHP bringing the total to 7 for the heritage area.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

- Completed the Fisher’s Hill and Tom’s Brook Battlefields Preservation Plan with landowners and local governments.
- Opened the first of five Civil War orientation centers called for in the Management Plan and broke ground for the second permanent center.
- Launched a cooperative advertising program.
- Preserved 192 acres of battlefield land to augment a State park and 147 acres of land within the boundary of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.
- Secured \$457,000 in State grants that will augment Federal funds to preserve property that is part of the Fisher’s Hill battlefield and contains remnants of the Valley Turnpike, one of the earliest paved roads in the United States and a major highway during the Civil War.
- Using TEA-21 funding, installed 18 new entrance signs.
- Hosted a conference in partnership with Shenandoah University on how to interpret the Civil War based on late 19th-century perceptions of the war.
- Co-sponsored with partners a “Civil War Kid’s Camp” for elementary school age children along with a living history day at a battlefield and three reenactments at partner sites.
- Developed and/or revised two brochures for the sub areas within the National Historic District.

South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

- Fully developed Agricultural Trail, African-American Trail and Garden Destinations Trail. The development included securing partner locations, developing trail guides, installation of membership and wayfinding signage and development of special events program calendar.
- Held Camp Calhoun, a week long summer camp program that engages children in activities based on our State’s history, culture and natural resources.
- Started Calhoun’s Kid’s Club (mascot is Calhoun the Raccoon based on John C. Calhoun). The club began in June and now has 275 members.

- Won 2005 Bundy Award at the Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism for having a "local or regional program successful in extending the full benefits of tourism into the rural areas of the State".
- Named a "Best Practice in Southern Tourism" by the Southern Governor's Conference

Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area

- Successfully hosted the 2005 International Heritage Development Conference.
- Partnered with East Tennessee Historical Society for Civil War Exhibit at the Museum of East Tennessee.
- Produced two publications about the Underground Railroad with the Chattanooga African American Museum which provide insights into these freedom routes and their transformation during the Civil War.

Wheeling National Heritage Area

- Implemented graphics signage program including the installation of interpretive wayside and directional signs along the Wheeling Heritage Trail and included printed Heritage Trail map.
- Held stakeholder workshops that determined the concept design of the public space between WesBanco Arena and Wheeling Heritage Port. Construction began early Fall 2005 and will be completed late Spring 2006.
- Initiated and organized a community-wide archiving effort. Supported through grants several small archive initiatives associated with businesses, churches and organizations.
- Continued grant program with recent projects including the Appalachian Heritage Festival, the conservation and interpretation of the "It's Wheeling Steel," a WWII radio program, and the restoration and exhibit of West Virginia Civil War battle flags.
- Partnered in the Wheeling Heritage Tourism initiative to market heritage tourism sites.

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

- Constructed of 200 acres of restored habitat in East Wetlands.
- Fostered compatible private development in the Yuma Crossing National Historic Landmark.
- Developed public private partnership to interpret Yuma's railroad history at "Pivot Point."
- Secured donation of 1888 SP Freight Depot (threatened National Register property) from Union Pacific.
- Facilitated purchase by City of Yuma of Del Sol Hotel (threatened National Register property and vacant for 25 years) for conversion to Multi-Modal Transportation Center.

Performance Overview

NOTE: This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changed resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details.

Measure	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
Participating Cultural properties in good condition (SP, BUR IIIa2)	See Historic Preservation Fund: Grants-in-Aid to States						
Additional State, Tribal, and local historic properties protected (BUR IIIa2C)	See Historic Preservation Fund: Grants-in-Aid to States						

Subactivity: Heritage Partnership Programs
Program Component: Administrative Support

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The 2007 budget request for Heritage Partnership Programs Administrative Support is \$101,000 and 1 FTE, with no program changes requested for FY 2007.

Program Overview

The National Park Service provides administrative support to National Heritage Areas, in the process leveraging its institutional expertise to enhance the management of these areas. This component provides administrative support and technical assistance to the twenty-seven Congressionally designated national heritage areas and their partners, NPS Washington and regional offices, and the public. This includes giving guidance, information and support on budget and policy, and coordinating and disseminating information to the public, the Service and heritage area partners through publications, websites, and presentations. The administrative support office addresses NPS Strategic Goals by:

- Instilling management excellence by engaging local, State and national partners in multiple arenas about the present and future status of heritage areas through meetings, reports, presentations, workshops, and publications.
- Encouraging standards and accountability through legislation, research, measurement, and evaluation of the successes of heritage areas.
- Encouraging consistency and quality in heritage areas to encourage a seamless nationwide network of parks, historic places, and open spaces.
- Encouraging best practices in the protection of cultural and national heritage resources through dissemination of information, best practices, and publications and external resource conservation assistance opportunities.

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

FY 2007 funding would be used to:

- Continue to implement the recommendations of the NPS Advisory Board report on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas*.
- Assist in the creation and implementation of national heritage area legislation.
- Finalize and implement a system of performance measures and partnership peer review of the National Heritage Areas by practitioners in the NPS and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.
- Partner with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas to provide educational opportunities on partnership practices in heritage areas and outside park boundaries.
- Promote in partnership with the Conservation Study Institute methods of collaborative community-centered conservation, co-management and funding and working in multi-jurisdictional settings in partnership with non-profit, NPS and other Federal agencies and programs.
- Coordinate a publication on heritage area best practices and processes.
- Continue to encourage and promote research on national heritage areas through conferences, special workshops and publications.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

- Support the work of the NPS Advisory Board's Partnership Committee as it over sees the implementation of the Board's report on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas*.
- Publish the Advisory Board's findings and recommendations in an expanded format for public distribution.
- Develop the framework for a system of performance measures and partnership peer review of the National Heritage Areas by practitioners in the NPS and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.

- Compile information on the management of cooperative agreements for NPS staff in partnership with Northeast and Midwest regional offices and distribute to all regions and NHAs to assist in improved oversight, accountability, and consistency.
- Prepare other policy infrastructure as appropriate.
- In partnership with the NPS Conservation Study Institute, assist in completing a second case study evaluation at the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and initiate a third study at the Cane River National Heritage Area.
- Work with Federal partners, non-profit organizations and NHAs on sharing heritage tourism practices through Partners in Tourism and through the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Regional Rural Heritage Tourism Initiative.
- Continue to disseminate information, educate the public and endorse suggested standards and criteria.
- In partnership with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas:
- Prepare module for NPS management and serve as faculty at Heritage Development Institute workshops.
- Compile annual report, annual heritage area statistics, and disseminate information.
- Coordinate sessions on heritage area research, practice, and education at 2006 International Heritage Development Conference in Detroit.
- Coordinate information on heritage area best practices for publication on the web.

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Supported the work of the National Park System Advisory Board's review of the National Heritage Areas including onsite meetings in Natchitoches, Louisiana and Detroit.
- Began the implementation of the findings and recommendations contained in the Advisory Board's report on the *Future of the National Heritage Areas*.
- Assisted the Advisory Board's Partnership Committee in developing principles for national heritage area legislation.
- Disseminated information to the NPS and the public about national heritage areas.
- Maintained the website to better serve the public, researchers, the NPS, and partners.
- Educated the public, partners, local and State governments about heritage areas through workshops, presentations and sessions at local, regional and national conferences and meetings.
- Participated in the Partners in Tourism initiative and in the National Conference on Cultural and Heritage Tourism.
- In partnership with the NPS Conservation Study Institute, assisted and advised on an evaluation of the process for National Heritage Areas. (See *Reflecting on the Past Looking to the Future: A Technical Assistance Report to the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission*)
- Developed in coordination with the regional offices a system for heritage area administration, including clarifying compliance with Federal management policies.
- In partnership with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas:
- Completed annual report, compiled baseline statistics on the national heritage areas.
- Coordinated several sessions for the 2005 International Heritage Development Conference in Nashville.



The National Park Service provided speakers, sessions, sponsorship and reporting at the International Heritage Development Conference.